

# **NASA - SATS**

## **Small Aircraft Transportation System Research Program**

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# *Outline*

- **The Blueprint for 21st Century Aviation**
- **Leading Indicators for Technology Strategy**
- **National Consortium for Aviation Mobility**
- **SATS Research Program Status**
- **SATS Roadmaps**



# Aeronautics Blueprint

*Toward A Bold New Era of Aviation*

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2002 2005 2008 2009 2012 2015 2025



- The cost of inaction is gridlock, constrained mobility, unrealized economic growth, and loss of U.S. aviation leadership

Figure 3



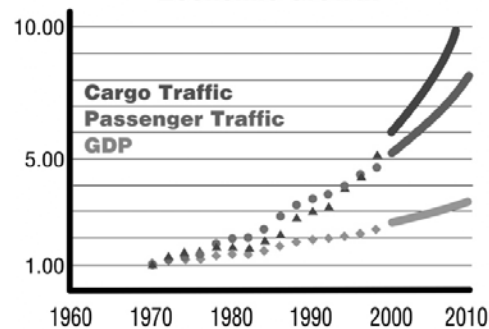
# *The Blueprint: Aviation is Critical to the U.S.*

## **Economic Growth**

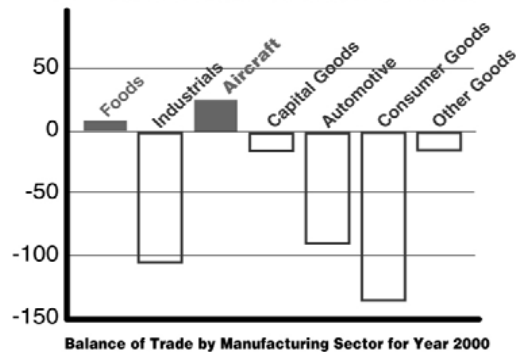
- Productivity
- Global Competition
- Fullest

## **Commercial Use**

Aviation Contributes and Enables Economic Growth



Aviation Contributes >\$26.1 Billion to Positive U.S. Balance of Trade



## **National Security**

- Air Superiority
- Global Mobility



## **Quality of Life**

- Freedom of Movement
- General Welfare

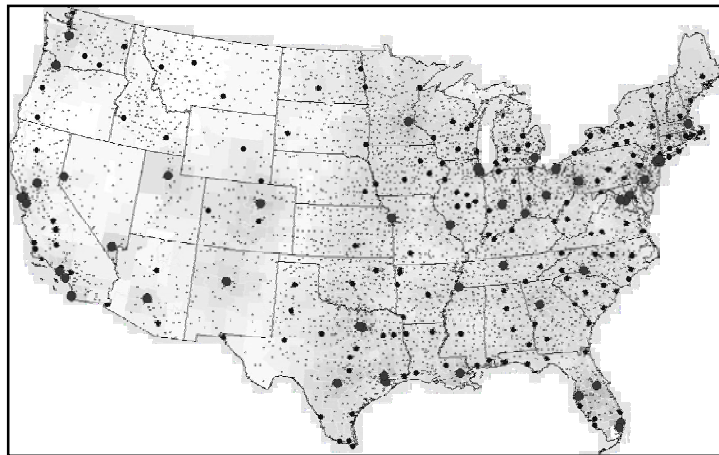


Figure 4



# *Equitable, On-Demand, Distributed Air Mobility*

## NASA Aerospace Enterprise Revolutionize Aviation Goal Mobility Objective



- 93% of population within 30 minutes of SATS-type airport
- 41% within 30 minutes of any commercial airport
- 22% within 30 minutes of major/hub airport

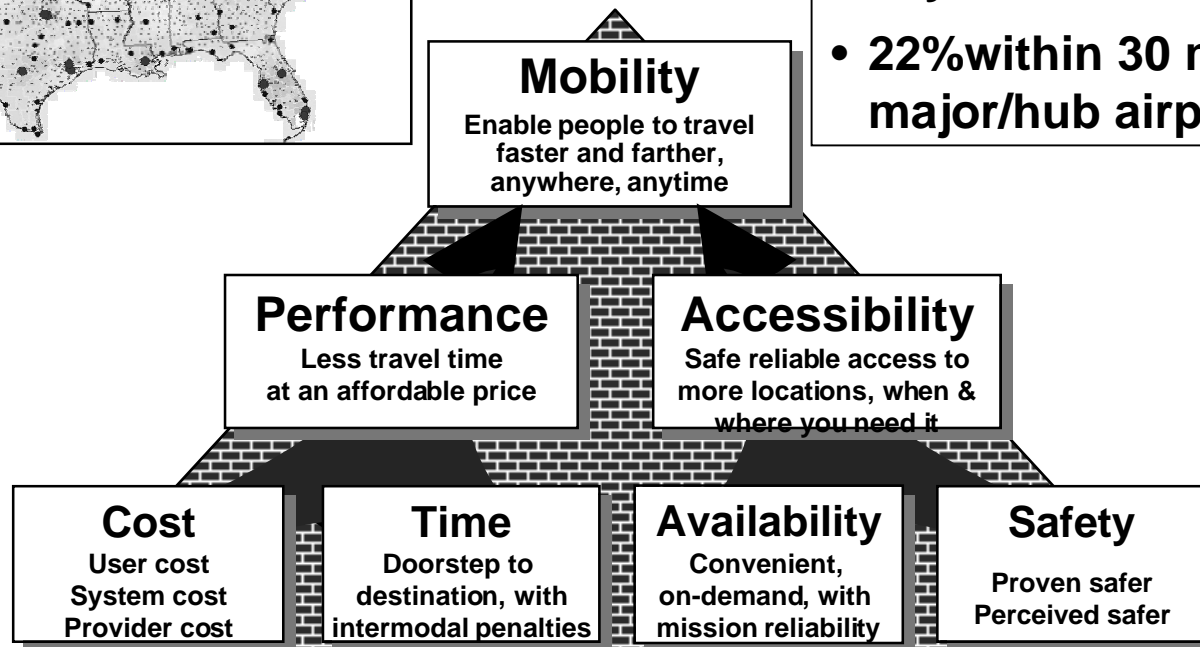


Figure 5



# ***Market Pull for Increased Mobility***

- **Booming Business Aircraft Market**
  - Dramatic growth in fractional ownership (50%/year)
- **New class of microjets**
  - Low-cost: about \$1.50/aircraft-mile
  - Designed to access small airports
  - On-demand services emerging in market



***And others....***

Figure 6



# SATS Accessibility in Michigan



Geographically equitable  
economic opportunity

Geographically equitable  
air accessibility

## SATS JET ONE DAY TRAVEL POTENTIAL

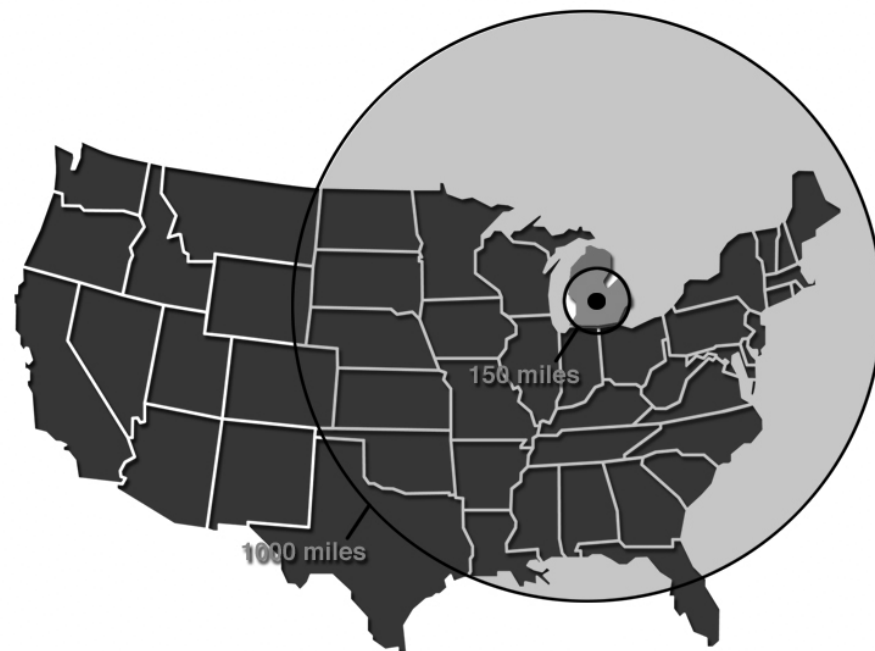


Figure 7



# NASA and NCAM Partnership

## Open Membership Structure for Additional State SATSLabs



Figure 8





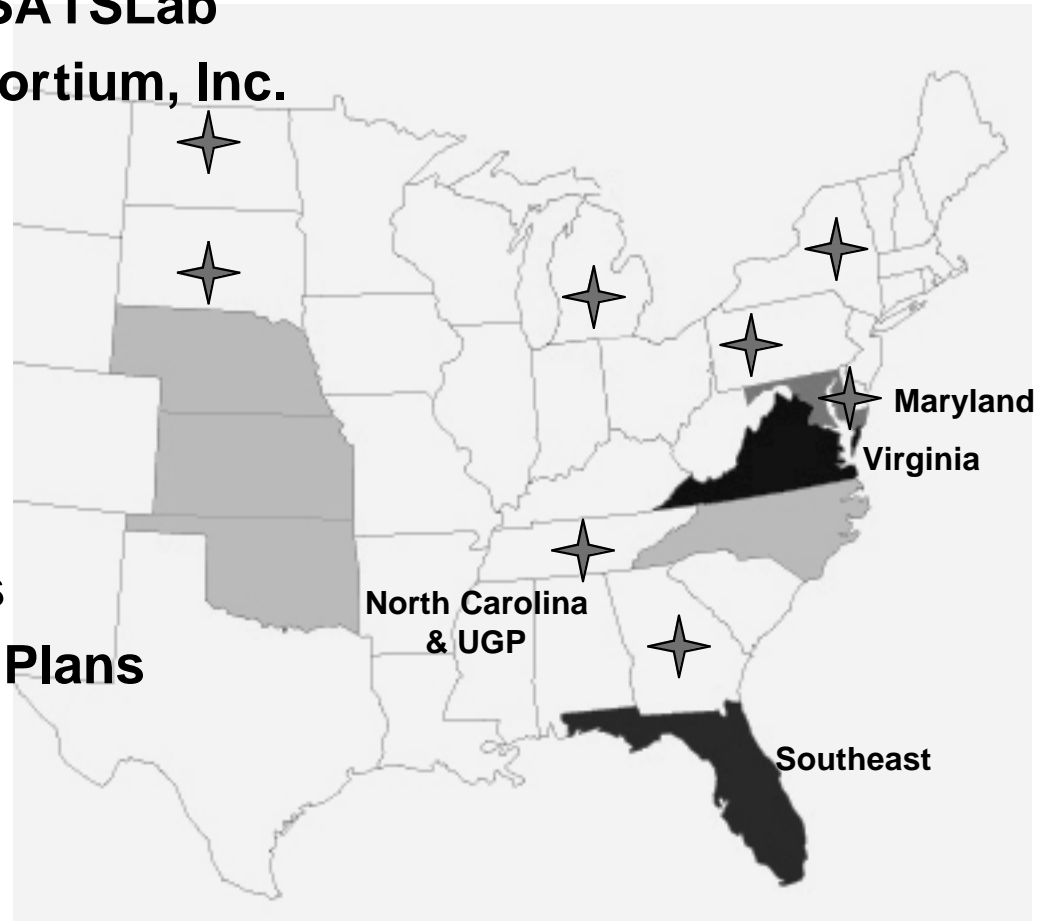
# *Initial Four State SATSLabs*

## **Selected Teams**

- **NC & Upper Great Plains SATSLab**
- **Southeast SATSLab Consortium, Inc.**
- **Maryland SATSLab**
- **Virginia SATSLab**

## **Tasks (2001-2002)**

- **2005 Demonstration Plans**
- **Technology Development Plans**
- **Transportation Analyses**
- **Systems Engineering**

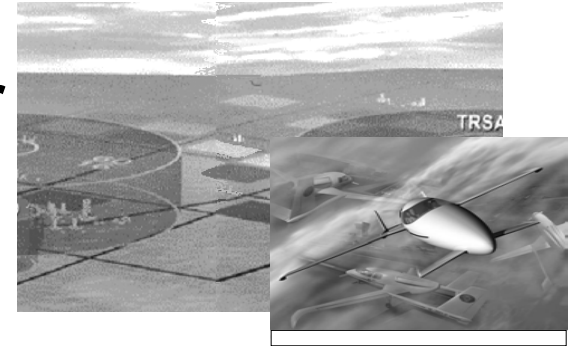


★ **Partnership Dialogue**

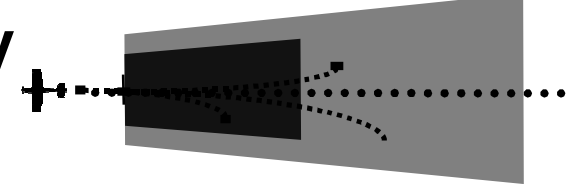


# ***SATS Operating Capabilities***

**Higher Volume Operations in Non-Radar  
Airspace and at Non-Towered Airports**



**Lower Landing Minimums at Minimally  
Equipped Landing Facilities**



**Increase Single-Pilot Crew Safety &  
Mission Reliability**



**En Route Procedures & Systems for  
Integrated Fleet Operations**



Figure 10



# NASA SATS Research Aircraft

## NASA Langley Technology on the Columbia 300

### Human Factors

- Display Graphics Standards
- Sidestick Controller Guidelines
- Multi-Function Display Design

### Aerodynamics

- Natural Laminar Flow Airfoil
- Stall/Spin Resistance Wing/Certification
- Optimized High-Lift System
- Cooling/Drag Optimization
- CFD Design Tools

### Structures and Materials

- Streamlined Composite Manufacturing Processes
- Lightning Protection
- Crashworthy Seat Design
- Material Qualification



Figure 11



# 2005 Demonstration Planning



## What-

- NASA-led technical demonstration of integrated operating capabilities
- NCAM-led public demonstration of SATS transportation services

## Where-

- NASA demonstration to Congress, FAA, industry convenient to DC
- NCAM demonstrations in states/regions funded by members

## Why-

- Support for certification & regulatory needs
- Decisions on next steps on the Roadmaps

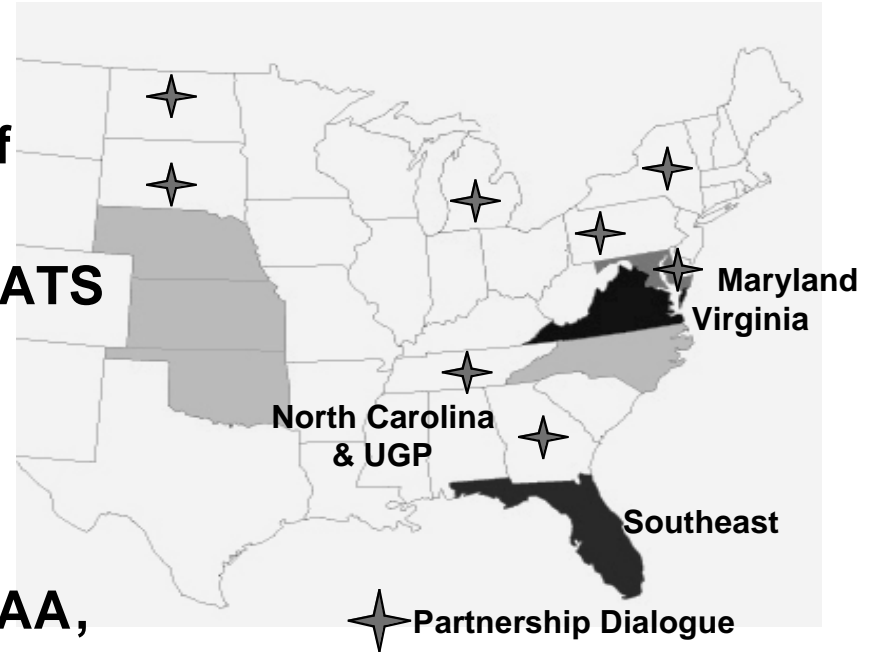


Figure 12



# SATS Roadmaps

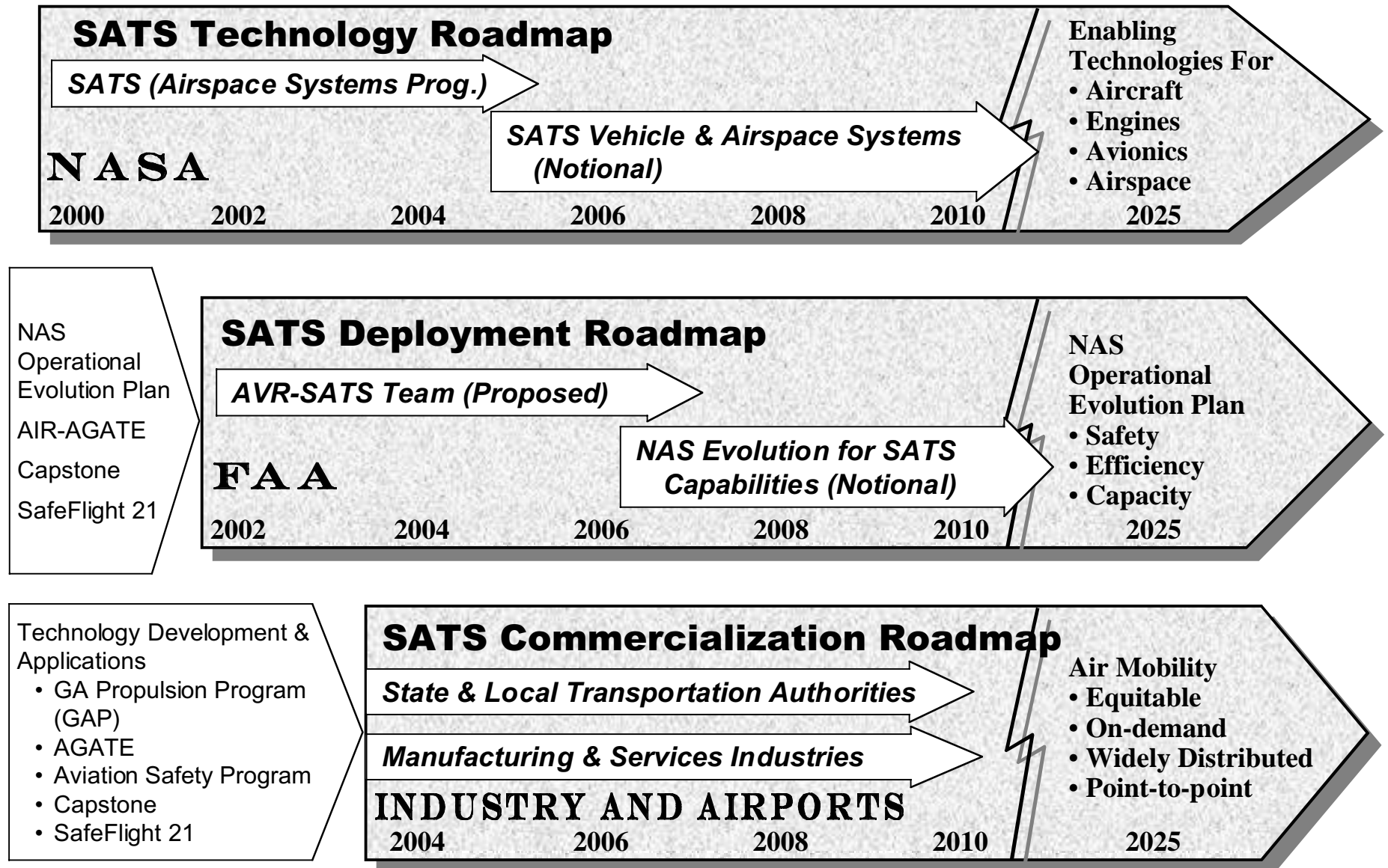


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# SATS Roadmaps

## SATS Technology Roadmap

### SATS (Airspace Systems Prog.)

- Four Initial Operating Capabilities
- System Assessment & Analysis
- Integrated 2005 Demonstration
- For 2010 NAS

### SATS Vehicle Systems (Notional)

- Next Gen. Vehicle & Airspace Systems
  - Automated Operating Capabilities
  - Integrated CNS
  - Materials & Manufacturing
  - Propulsion
- For 2015-2020 NAS

### Enabling Technologies For

- Aircraft
- Engines
- Avionics
- Airspace

**NASA**

2000

2002

2004

2006

2008

2010

2025

## SATS Deployment Roadmap

### AVR-SATS Team (Proposed)

- Certification Compliance
- System Standards (Datalink, etc.)
- Operational Approvals
- Flight Training Standards

### NAS Evolution for SATS Capabilities (Notional)

- ADS-B for Surveillance
- Digital Air Traffic Services
- LAAS for Small Airports
- Operational flight standards

### NAS Operational Evolution Plan

- Safety
- Efficiency
- Capacity

**FAA**

2002

2004

2006

2008

2010

2025

NAS  
Operational  
Evolution Plan  
AIR-AGATE  
Capstone  
SafeFlight 21

### Technology Development & Applications

- GA Propulsion Program (GAP)
- AGATE
- Aviation Safety Program
- Capstone
- SafeFlight 21

## SATS Commercialization Roadmap

### State & Local Transportation Authorities

### Manufacturing & Services Industries

### INDUSTRY AND AIRPORTS

2004

2006

2008

2010

2025

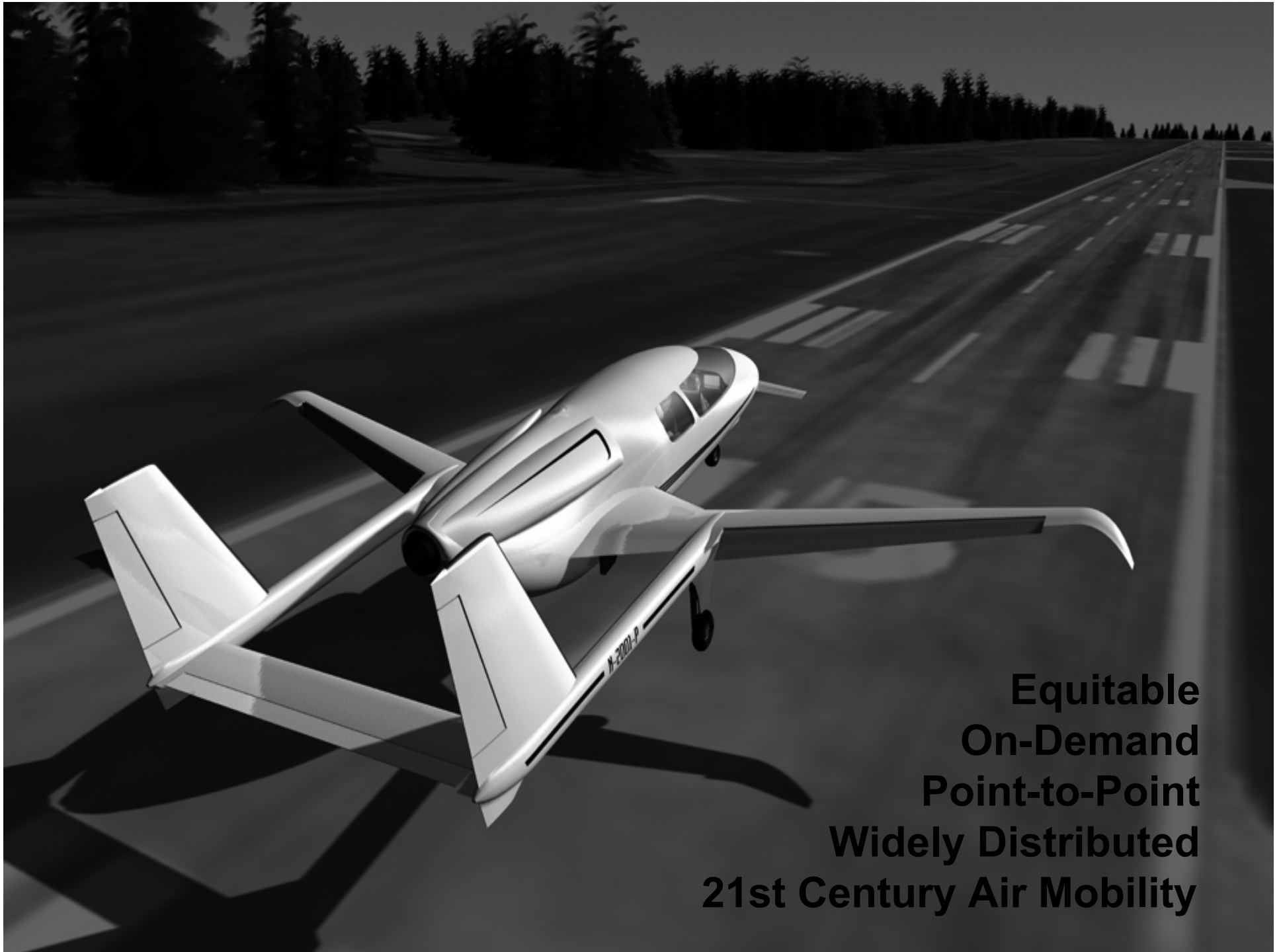
### Air Mobility

- Equitable
- On-demand
- Widely Distributed
- Point-to-point



# *Messages*

- The NASA Aviation Blueprint:  
*Cost of Inaction is Unacceptable*
- The leading indicators support the NASA technology strategy:  
*State & Local Needs, Manufacturers & Transportation Services  
Industry Business Plans, NAS Evolution, Mobility Challenges*
- Current SATS proof of concept R&D program:  
*A down payment on the vision*
- Roadmaps Require National Coordination:  
*Technology, Deployment, and Commercialization*
- NCAM - NASA Alliance:  
*Collaborative, open, cost-sharing public-private alliance*



**Equitable  
On-Demand  
Point-to-Point  
Widely Distributed  
21st Century Air Mobility**